SUBJECT No. 30.

Munsiffs to be empowered to grant heirship certificates.

Mr. Yagaiyana Subba Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Munsiffs may be empowered to grant heirship certificates according to the practice in force in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies.

Withdrawn.—

SUBJECT No. 31.

The tradesmen's accounts.

Mr. Varada Iyengar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The account books kept by tradesmen are written up in their own hands, and on these accounts decrees are passed by Courts, which is a source of great hardship to the public. Orders may therefore be passed directing the entry in accounts of transactions in the hand-writing of the customer when he is literate and when he is illiterate in the hand-writing and above the signature of someone other than the tradesman.

Reply of Government.—Under Section 34 of the Evidence Act, entries in account books are relevent, but are not by themselves sufficient to charge any person with liability. This provides all the safeguard necessary.

SUBJECT No. 32.

The appointment of qualified men for the posts of Ameens in Civil Courts.

Mr. Kudlur Venkatasamaiya of Chamrajnagar.

Summary of discussion.—Parties are put to much loss as the work in Civil Courts is not properly done. Decrees are promptly passed but their execution takes a long time. It may be inferred from this that the execution process is not properly carried out. The Ameens have been entrusted with too much responsibility at present, as everything that has to be performed in Civil Courts has to be done by them. As these Ameens have not been encouraged and educated men are not appointed, the result has been unsatisfactory and the parties are put to inconvenience and loss. It is therefore requested that educated men may be appointed for these posts.

Reply of Government.—The Chief Court have promised to consider the subject. The disposal of the question by them may be awaited.

SUBJECT No. 33.

A Munsiff's Court for every two taluks.

Messrs. Srinivasa Ra and Rama Rao of Malur.

Summary of discussion.—The location of a Munsiff's Court having jurisdiction over two taluks is desirable for eth early disposal of cases. It does not seem advisable to relieve Revenue Officers of Criminal power and invest Taluk Sheristadars and Sub-Registrars with it.

Reply of Government.—Neither necessary nor possible

SUBJECT No. 34.

Decree to be passed for half interest due from defendants.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Ram Rao of Malur.

Summary of discussion.—In the case of documents in which very high rates of interest are charged, the Munsiffs may be ordered to pass decrees for half the rates in consideration of the interest already paid by the defendant and his present circumstances. This concession may be shown by them at their discretion.

Reply of Government.—This is impossible.